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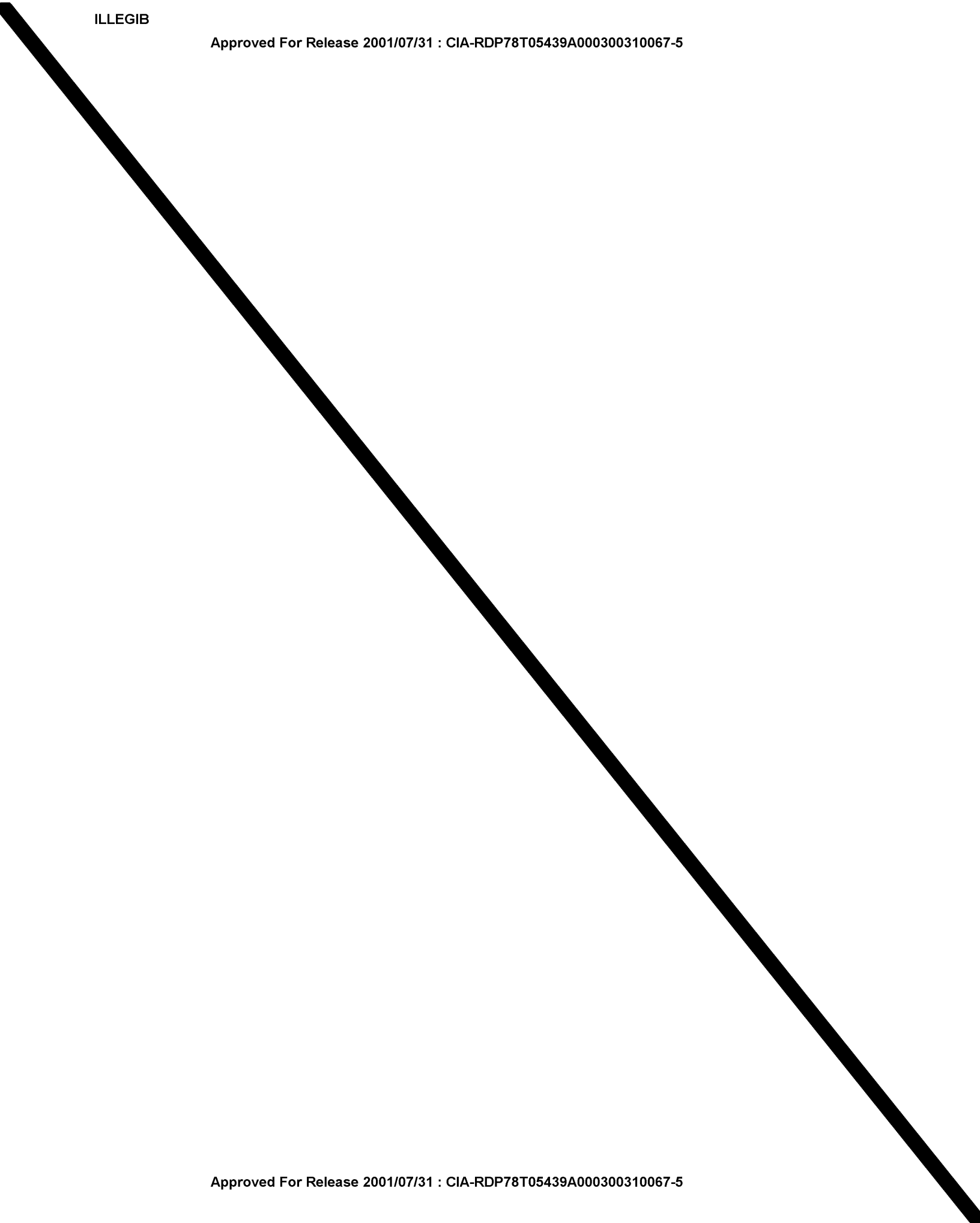

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Division, OEL

25X1A ATTENTION: [redacted]

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Microwave Search Between Krasnovodsk, Ashkhabad and Mary

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement C-DS-4-81,321
(b) CIA/PID Project C 721-64

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 20 April 1964 which requests a search of KEYHOLE photography for evidence of a microwave link believed to be under construction between the Soviet cities of Krasnovodsk, Ashkhabad and Mary.

2. Excellent quality KH-4 photography is available of this section of the USSR, and was thoroughly searched in stereo; however, the small scale of the coverage provided by this system makes identification of items as small

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25X1D 3. On KEYHOLE Mission [redacted],
25X1D [redacted] a small probable tower was identified immediately north of the Mary-Ashkhabad rail line, approximately 25 nautical miles west of Mary at 37-35N 61-07E (plotted on USATC Series 200 Chart 337-16). Whether or not this probable tower is associated with the suspect microwave link cannot be determined from this photography.

However, because of the excellent quality of the available KH-4 coverage, it can be stated that if this microwave link does exist, extremely large towers are not involved as they would be visible on this photography.

25X1A 4. The photo analyst on this project is [redacted] who may be contacted on extension 2705 should you have any further questions concerning this project.

5. This project is considered to be complete.

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